

1970, including 14 UJA Israel missions during which she has worked to continue the strong and vibrant relationship between Israeli and American Jews. Her deep personal connection to and involvement with the State of Israel is one of the many reasons Ms. Gans has been a successful leader in the Jewish community.

Eva has received numerous accolades and distinctions from the grateful organizations which have been privileged to have her involved in their causes. These include the Gates of Jerusalem Award from Boys Town Jerusalem, the Woman of Valor Award and the Award of Honor from Bergen County Israel Bonds Women's Division, the Woman of Vision Tribute from Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) Northeastern New Jersey Region, the Lion of Judah Award from Israel Bonds, and selection as an Honoree at the United Jewish Community Women's Division Spring Luncheon. Additionally, Ms. Gans was the first woman in Bergen County to receive the Shofar Award from the Boy Scouts of America's Jewish Community on Scouting, Bergen Council.

A resident of Teaneck, New Jersey, Eva Lynn Gans and her loving husband Leo have raised three wonderful sons, who have enriched her life with five amazing grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my constituent and dear friend, Eva Lynn Gans, on her successful tenure as president of the Jewish Center of Teaneck. I join with the grateful members of her synagogue in thanking her for innumerable contributions to the northern Jersey Jewish community and American Jewry at large. I am confident that her involvement in Jewish life and leadership will continue to strengthen this special community.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER HEALTH DATA ACT OF 2011

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I have reintroduced legislation to amend the Public Health Service Act for the purposes of providing the resources necessary for the Department of Health and Human Services to survey the health of Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, NHOPI. Specifically, the bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and implement an ongoing national strategy for evaluating the health status and needs of NHOPI populations living in the continental U.S., Hawaii, American Samoa, the CNMI, Guam, and the Freely Associated States. The Secretary would conduct a health survey to determine the major regions in which NHOPI people reside and include data helpful in determining the health care needs of the respective NHOPI communities. In developing both the national strategy and survey, the Secretary would work in consultation with community groups and non-governmental organizations to develop the best methods and practices. Additionally, the legislation would update the work of the 1998 Institutes of Medicine report: "Pacific Partnerships for the Health: Charting a New Course for the

21st Century." The report would include the data regarding the status and performance of health care systems in the insular areas, and determine the effectiveness of donor aid in addressing the insular areas' needs.

In 1997, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) revised federal data collection standards to recognize the significant demographic, historical, cultural, and ethnic differences that exist between Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans. These important distinctions are not simply cultural or historical, but also encompass unique health and socio-economic challenges among the different populations. The standard requires that Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander data be collected, disaggregated and reported separately from Asian American data by all federal agencies no later than January 1, 2003.

However, not all federal agencies are in full compliance with OMB Revised Directive 15. In the places where limited agency data do exist, they are not made publicly available or it takes years to release. On a national level, the sample size of the NHOPI population in studies and reports is not represented because of a lack of data—resulting in meaningful information and statistics being unavailable to health organizations, federal, state, territorial and local agencies and policymakers.

Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders are ready to move forward with efforts to improve public health in their communities. This scientific survey would establish baseline health information to inform health policy and interventions so that individual and community health can be properly tracked and evaluated. Additionally, it would provide critical information for both NHOPI communities' health care providers and organizations that work with these communities to develop appropriate health care strategies for public health education and resources.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in addressing this need and the larger cause of eliminating health disparities. I would like to thank Chairman DANIEL INOUE for his leadership introducing companion legislation in the Senate. I would also like to thank my fellow cosponsors in the House for their support: Congresswoman JUDY CHU, Congressman MIKE HONDA, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congresswoman MAZIE HIRONO, Congresswoman COLLEEN HANABUSA, Congresswoman DONNA CHRISTENSEN, Congressman ENI FALEOMAVAEGA, and Congressman GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN.

IN HONOR OF GREG BALDWIN

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that my hometown is often held out as an example of a community where livability is a primary goal. For the last forty years, people have been pioneering efforts to make cities work better through creative land use planning, zoning, transportation initiatives, public art and public spaces.

There have been many who have helped shape this way of thinking and prove its effectiveness with results on the ground. Poli-

cians, civic and business leaders have all played important roles, but none has been more influential but less publicly known than Greg Baldwin.

Greg was a prominent Portland architect and designer who grew up in the city and went on to earn three Harvard degrees and study abroad. He came by his vision and commitment honestly; his father was a dedicated public servant and a key administrator in Portland for years with schools, the Port Commission, and later in life as the first real Commissioner of Transportation for the state of Oregon.

Greg played a leadership role, striving for excellence in design in our community with revitalization of our schools, creating our light rail system, and the Portland Transit Mall. Greg Baldwin was sought after for projects around the country that benefited from his keen eye and grand sense of aesthetics—the things that one would expect from a leading architect.

Yet, his most enduring gift was an insight into how planning and civic engagement can coax more out of these opportunities to shape our built environment, which in turn shapes us. Greg was patient, thoughtful, and a good listener, as well as being fair and smart. He excelled in bringing various groups together. He seemed able to help anyone who shared the ultimate goal of a signature project to help understand the contributions that everyone could make to achieve the desired objective.

With all his intellect and professional accomplishments, he was foremost a great friend and accomplished artist. Committed to family, friends, and coworkers he was an outstanding human being. While he will be deeply missed, those who mourn his passing will take comfort knowing his many contributions will influence communities across America for generations to come.

CONGRATULATING VERSAILLES RESTAURANT ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this week a true Miami landmark celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Versailles restaurant has been a beloved institution in my South Florida community for decades.

Felipe Valls, Sr., opened Versailles in 1971. From the very beginning, Versailles has been a family affair.

Early on, his son, Felipe Valls, Jr., bussed tables and worked with maintenance crews after school.

From these humble beginnings, Versailles has become a franchise with restaurants throughout Miami, Doral and even Pembroke Pines.

The secret to Versailles' success has been its family-oriented atmosphere and its simplicity.

Its menu of traditional Cuban cuisine has enriched the cultural palate of South Florida.

From ropa vieja to its house-made fried plantains and yes, even its famed "cafecito," Versailles has become a culinary delight for its patrons.